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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

'Tis slump, slump, slump, we go a-marching—nowadays.

If all the prisoners fared as well on Christmas day as did the inmates of the Washington county jail, they were indeed most fortunate in their misfortune.

It is none too early to remind the electric railroad of the need of removing the snow which its sweeper piles up each side of the Main street track. The way these heaps were allowed to accumulate last winter to the detriment of traffic and to the peril of travellers was disgraceful. Let the trouble be remedied early this year.

The action of the board of aldermen in changing the sliding order so that Brooklyn street and not Branch street is set apart in ward six for the use of the youngsters shows that they feel like equalizing the pleasures of life. Now the elderly gentleman, whose communication appeared in yesterday's Times, will not have to do the side step, the cake walk or the Highland Fling to avoid personal injury.

A COMMISSION WELL CHOSEN.

The commission recently appointed by Gov. Bell to examine the various state institutions has now organized and the work has been mapped out, although the actual investigation will not be started until later. The makeup of this commission is proof positive that the examination will be well done and that it will be made in all spirit of fairness to the directors and officials of the institutions which are to be visited. In C. H. A. Stafford of Morrisville, N. G. Williams of Bellows Falls and H. F. Brigham of Bakersfield, the governor has chosen three men well suited to take up this exacting and, it may be, disagreeable task of peering into the dark recesses of the administration of state institutions. Two of the men—Mr. Stafford and Mr. Williams—are particularly well known, and the third—Mr. Brigham—has attained considerable prominence in the leadership of the Democratic party of the state. Under the direction of Attorney General Fitts the investigation ought to result in placing before the public the exact status of their institutions.

CHRISTMAS RECORD OF CRIMES.

The record of crimes during the "glad season," as collected by a Chicago newspaper is most startling. The paper learns that in the United States there were twenty persons murdered outright and over one hundred badly injured—and this at a period when the "Peace On Earth, Good Will, etc." is ringing out triumphantly. 'Tis a sad record which the Christmas of 1904 will leave; it is probable that the record is not yet completed. There were undoubtedly homicides and attempts at homicides not uncovered, which will come out later to swell the gruesome list of the crimes committed under our civilization. And all these, bear in mind, were only the greater offences, the heavy timber, as it were, of the structure of crime. Of the lesser and almost innumerable cases there is no record, and we are thus spared the ignominy of facing our misdoings in their completeness. But the homicide record is sufficient to prove beyond question that our boasted national progress is not without its set backs, its edgings of moral stagnation. How else can one explain the remarkable record of murders that comes up to us from the state of Louisiana? Seven murders committed in Louisiana alone during the brief interval which includes the Christmas season! It is evident that something is wrong with our sister state in the South. Not even the great state of New York nor Illinois with their customary prevalence of crime can equal the record.

CURRENT COMMENT.

What the Press of the State and Country Is Talking About.

The Grange gained a thousand in membership last year in Vermont. It is an order that benefits its members intellectually, socially and industrially. It deserves to thrive.—Randolph Herald and News.

It is rumored that Inspector of Finance Platt would like to succeed John L. Bacon of White River Junction as state treasurer two years hence. If so the exhibition he made in hanging on



St. Nick has departed and, as usual, he left a few things on our hands. Now if you know of any man or boy who was not treated quite right at Christmas, here is a chance, at a reduced price, to buy him a New Year's present.

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to his present job by his teeth when he could and should have retired gracefully and with credit will not help him much.—Bennington Banner.

Senator Proctor's attempt to restore the army cautions may bring good results. In the first place he is not looked on even as a local option man in Vermont, so the most the extremists can say of him is that he is mistaken. On the other hand he is unusually well informed on military affairs and the need of the army and his opinion carries weight.—Montpelier Argus.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

A Modern Juliet.

They called her Juliet, so sweet she was. Her golden hair and lovely, soulful eyes Made many youth sigh to be Romeo. When oft at eve she gazed at moonlight skies. By day, too, was she no less fair to see. So dainty, tender and elf-like withal. No gallant knew her but to bend the knee. And pledge him ever ready at her call. Till one day at dinner quick she spied A pickle—far the largest she could spy.—And leaped on all the while she minched and sighed. "I always love them so right after pie."—Detroit Free Press.

Very Ragged.

"Why doesn't Kallow go and get shaved, I wonder." "He says he's raising a full beard." "Huh, it looks more like a half full beard just at present."—Philadelphia Press.

Her Weakness.

There was a young lady of Spain Who said to her fond lover, Klam. "I refuse to be kissed. But if you insist Heaven knows you are stronger than I am."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Ingratitude.

"He is a monster of ingratitude." "Yes. His wife was a nurse in a hospital. After she had got him through a serious illness he married her."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Things You Sometimes See.



Innocence.

—New York Evening Journal.

When to Get Married.



"Isn't she too young to get married?" "Oh, yes. She won't come into her fortune for two years yet."—Leslie's Weekly.

MARSHFIELD.

Miss Goldie Smith arrived at her father's Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Potter are the parents of a daughter.

Mrs. Jennie Hooker and two daughters are visiting at Lee Townsend's.

Lucian Moore of Munson, N. H., was in town with Amasa Woodcock on Monday.

The snow storm of Tuesday was universally welcomed by people in this town.

J. Ward Carver of Barre was with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Carver, during the Christmas holidays.

S. H. Unwin goes to Bedford, P. Q., today on a business trip, and is expected to return Saturday.

Prof. Mark A. Davis is expected to spend New Year's week at the home of his father, Geo. O. Davis.

It is reported that Florence Tibbetts and Guy Boyce of this town were married December 10th. They will reside in Barre.

Henry Kellogg of Lisbon, N. H., and his son, Earle Kellogg, of New York, are home for a brief vacation during the holidays.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Frank Brown next Friday afternoon and evening. The young people are all cordially invited in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin were the recipients of a priceless Xmas gift last Sunday morning, when a baby daughter came to their home.

Elbridge Rosebrook entertained a party of his playmates last Saturday from 2 o'clock to 4, it being the occasion of his 9th birthday.

A business meeting of the Congregationalist society is called for January 5th, 1905. All are requested to be present as important business is to be transacted.

Mrs. John Shaw went to Burlington Monday, expecting to undergo her operation at 9 o'clock Tuesday. Dr. Wheeler of North Montpelier, her physician, accompanied her.

Oscar J. Bemis, now in the employ of Don Camp of So. Barre, was with his aunt, Lucinda Parris, over Sunday. He entertained some of his chums at Mear's store, by giving selections from his gramophone, last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bouldry gave a Christmas dinner to a few of their friends last Monday. Mrs. Sadie Rosebrook, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rosebrook and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pitkin and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tucker were the guests.

The Christmas exercises at the M. E. church passed very pleasantly and successfully. Special mention should be made of "Santa Claus" and "Pilgrim." Vern Hudson and Bert W. Davis respectively, who took prominent parts in the dialogue of the "Months."

At the annual election of officers of the local lodge K. of P. last Monday night the following officers were elected: H. A. Wilson, C. C.; J. W. Bouldry, V. C.; Fred Lamberton, P.; S. H. Unwin, M. of W.; A. W. Cole, K. of R. and S.; H. Townsend, M. at A.; G. O. Smith, M. of F.; G. A. Davis, M. of E.; James Sanders, Warren Mear's, guards.

The Rathbone Sisters of Myrtle Temple No. 2 elected the following officers to serve for the 6 months next ensuing: Idella Unwin, M. E. C.; Eliza Dwinell, P. C.; Gertrude Mear's, M. E. S.; Marion Lamberton, M. E. J.; Josie Morse, M. of T.; Belle Mear's, M. of R. and C.; Lettie Bouldry, M. of F.; Genevieve Lamberton, P. of T.; Lillian Sanders, G. of O. T.

The union service at the Congregational church last Sunday morning was largely attended. The programme consisted of music rendered by the united choirs, and fitting remarks by the pastors. The praise service was made up of anthems, duets and solos. The duet sung by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Davis was a beautiful thing, and should receive honorable mention.

NORTHFIELD.

Miss Alice Richmond left today for Boston to attend the marriage of her brother, Harold S. Richmond, to Miss Elizabeth Howe on January 4.

The Modern Woodmen of America held a banquet in their hall last night. The initiatory degree was worked on one candidate. The Brookfield lodge, which has recently disbanded, was in attendance and were transferred into the Northfield lodge.

William Kerr, George Sanborn, Charlie Houston, Seth Rich and Edward Willey were called to Woodstock today as witnesses in the trial of Frank Russ, who was hurt in the Central Vermont yards in this town about a year ago.

GOWN GOSSIP.

A new spangle is in pendent form. Shaded aligrets are a millinery novelty.

There is a genuine craze for hand embroidery.

Ermine, sable, seal, baby lamb and Siberian squirrel are employed for the fur cravat.

Taffeta, both plain and in changeable effects, is the underskirt material par excellence.

Fur hats are very stylish, but the handsomest of these are fur in combination with malines, lace or other airy fabric.

The most elaborate braiding is seen, and there is a tendency to make the designs classic and striking rather than small and irregular.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Copenhagen's Deer Park.

Copenhagen has the largest enclosed deer park of any city in the world. Its area is about 4,200 acres.

Eating Snow.

The water which will allay our burning thirst augments it when congealed into snow. It is stated by explorers of the arctic regions that the natives prefer enduring the utmost extremity of thirst rather than attempt to remove it by eating snow.

SIDE LIGHTS ON THE KAISER.

Anecdotes Which Illustrate His Interest in School Reform.

Kaiser Wilhelm II. still continues his efforts for the reform of the German schools, says the Berlin correspondent of the New York Times. It will be remembered that it was due to his initiative that the so called real gymnasia, where no Greek, but natural sciences are taught, were first introduced. Lately the Kaiser in two instances has given another proof of his interest in school reform.

While recently on his estate in Caden he visited the public school of the district, which is attended by fifty-eight pupils. After having listened to the recitation he declared in strong language that such overcrowding of a schoolroom is inhumane cruelty.

The other story told is even more interesting. The instruction in a gymnasium in the west of Berlin is in the hands of a principal who loves to give his pupils subjects to write on of a somewhat humorous nature. Recently his scholars had to write on the subject "In how far, from the position of the legs of the Hohenzollern statues in the Avenue Victory, can one draw conclusions as to the character of the represented personages?"

The much perturbed pupils spent many long hours to answer this momentous inquiry. By an unforeseen coincidence the matter came to the ears of the Kaiser. He at once telegraphed to Dr. Studt, Prussian minister of education, and asked him to send some of these compositions.

After strenuous efforts by the director of the school three composition books were obtained. These by special messenger were at once taken to the Kaiser. When the Kaiser began to read the compositions his features became a little more amiable. They finally bore a satisfied expression when at the end of the third composition he read, "After all, one would suppose that the character of the Hohenzollern in the Siegesallee could be better told out of their faces than from the position of their legs." "This is the best condemnation of the composition subject," the Kaiser wrote on a leaf of the book.

A Theater Coiffure.

Fashion apparently has at last solved the mooted question of the theater hat, says the Paris correspondent of the New York Herald. This year, so far as Paris is concerned, will see the hat replaced by the special coiffure de theatre. I have noticed a number of these altogether charming novelties in the Rue de la Paix. Some consist of little Dutch coiffures in jet or gold, sometimes jeweled. Others are simply bunches of flowers to be placed near the ears of the fair wearers. The new coiffure is wonderfully becoming, not only for young women, but also for their mothers.

The Blue Jay.

The blue jay, with his fascinating briskeness, is the bully of the birds. When he wants to eat, all others must get themselves out of the way. Few are bold enough to contest his absolute right of way. Almost as soon as he comes within hearing the other birds leave and usually do not return until he is well out of the way.

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